

MINUTES
30th Annual Session
Of The
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ASSOCIATION
Of The
Freewill Baptist Churches



Held With The
Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church
May 14. 1966
Wise, Virginia

The next session will convene with the Rock
Lick Church, Lee County, Virginia, Saturday be-
fore the third Sunday in May, 1967, at 9:00
A. M. (EST).

P R E F A C E

For well over two hundred years there has been a Baptist people in the United States who preached and practiced "Freedom of the Will". A great many of the Baptists came from Wales and London to the eastern part of the United States in the early settling of this country. Among the earliest records available, we find the name of Paul Palmer, who preached and organized a church in Perquimans, North Carolina, in the year 1727. This church was later lost to the Calvinistic Baptists. Not only this church was lost, but several others in the course of time were lost, but a sufficient number kept the "Faith once delivered to the saints" that a steady increase has prevailed throughout the years.

Those who are called Free Will Baptists in North Carolina were first called by this name by those who opposed the doctrine of "Freedom of the will". The same thing was true in the north with the Rev. Benjamin Randall and his followers, whose church was organized at New Durham, N. H., in the year of 1780. The name was later adopted by the believers in "Salvation by Grace through Faith", who preached freedom of the will.

Among these believers it was deemed wise to set forth certain outstanding fundamental doctrines as believed by the denominations. In several of the states there were booklets published setting forth the "Articles of Faith". Many of the Disciplines set forth had different ways of doing things, while the fundamental doctrine was the same in all. These Disciplines and the Articles of Faith set forth the fact that "these were set forth for the convenience" with the solemn declaration that "the Bible is infallible" and in every instance it was plainly set forth that "We believe the whole Scriptures to be the word of God".

In the year 1935, at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., a committee was elected for the purpose of formulating, by way of a revision, a treatise out of the various Disciplines and former Treatise, to be used in Free Will Baptist churches. This committee was composed of the following ministers, namely: J. C. Griffin, chairman; and Winford Davis, E. B. Joyner, J. S. Frederick, E. E. Morris, W. B. Davenport, Millard Vanhooze, C. B. Thompson, and Ralph Staten, with two laymen, M. L. Morris and Hubert Post. This committee worked for several hours and then reported. A motion was carried that the report be accepted. In

the year 1947, while the National Association was in session at Highland Park, F.W.B. Church in Detroit, Michigan, a resolution was passed in which several members of the General Board of the National Association and one member from each affiliated state convention or association was to meet and revise the Treatise and report at the next session of the National Association. This committee, composed of the following ministers, namely: J. L. Welch, chairman; R. B. Crawford, J. C. Griffin, J. F. Miller, K. V. Shutes, F. S. Vanhoose, L. A. Holliday, I. W. Yandall, M. L. Sutton, Ralph Staten, Harry Beatty, H. E. Willis, Floyd Cherry, R. N. Hinnant, Seldon Bullard, C. H. Curry and J. A. Lambert met at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., in April and the revision was made and presented to the National Association in session in the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, July, 1948, and was adopted.

CHURCH COVENANT

HAVING GIVEN ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the spirit" in the bonds of

peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, admonish the erring, and, so far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief purpose in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

O F F I C E R S

J. Harold Kilgore, Moderator----- Esserville, Va.
 Ben R. Powers, Asst. Moderator----- Wise, Va.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ketron, Clerks--- Rt. 4, Coeburn, Va.
 John S. Craft, Treasurer ----- 704 Ky. Ave. Norton, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

	Exp. of Office
Author C. Easterling, Wise, Va., Box 541-----	1967
John S. Craft, Norton, Va.,-----	1968
Denver Dean, Wise, Va.,-----	1969

WISE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. E. Harrison, Norton, Va.-----	1967
Oscar Sheppard, Pound, Va.-----	1968
C. O. Bowman, Dungannon, Va.-----	1969
Delbert Boggs, Pound, Va.-----	1970
Homer, Bays, Coeburn, Va.-----	1971

WISE COUNTY ORDAINING COUNCIL

Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky.-----	1967
Hobert Addington, Wise, Va.-----	1968
Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va.-----	1969
Shelby Jackson, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.-----	1970
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.-----	1971

LEE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Clarence Ramey, Jonesville, Va.-----	1967
Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1968
Raymond Baird, Jonesville, Va.-----	1969

LEE COUNTY ORDAINING COUNCIL

L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.-----	1967
Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1968
James E. Laney, RFD 1, Wise, Va.-----	1969

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Miss Rudine Kennedy, Norton, Va.-----	1967
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ENROLLMENT—MINISTERS

Robert Dixon	Harold Kilgore	Wade Powers
Ben Powers	G. T. Francis	Ray Robinette
C. L. Kilgore	S. B. Culbertson	J. V. Estept
Sylvan Wilson	John Craft	Ray Davis
Dela Salyer	Denver Dean	Casper Lane
Jeff Salyer	Ray Goode	Hobert Addington

D E A C O N S

E. J. Kilgore	A. C. Easterling	Joe Sheppard
Wilton Dail	William A. Hall	W. A. Martin
Paul Akers	Ben E. Lawson	Clarence Ramey
	Fred H. Smith	

D E L E G A T E S

Raymond E. Baird	Frankie Wainscott	Roscoe Reynolds
Nora Reynolds	Dorothy Byington	Mary Powers
Martha Bentley	Vida Baird	Lola Sturgill
Pearl Smith	Lakie Osborne	Sylvia Robinette
Hogue Osborne	Earl Byington	Mrs. Joe Sheppard
Stella Bates	Frank Brown	Fay Sams

P R O C E E D I N G S

The association opened with a short devotional. Singing was under the direction of Elder Ben Powers. Scripture reading by Elder Harold Kilgore, 96th Psalms. Prayer by Elder Ray Robinette. A welcome address was given by the pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Eld. G. T. Francis

The association was called to order by the moderator and business resumed as follows: Enrollment of all delegates as they appear in these minutes. Elder Ben Powers was chosen as assistant moderator. A few moments of silent prayer was observed in memory of Elder W. B. Galloway and Elder C. W. Noles. Reading of the minutes of last Association were accepted as read. We were glad to have corresponding messengers, Brother and sister Wilton Dail from the Tidewater Conference, and Elder Monroe Hale from Northern Virginia Conference. By regular motion, oral reports were accepted from Tidewater and Northern Virginia conferences Lee and Wise County Letters were accepted as they appear in these minutes. The association voted to ask the churches to adopt the Free Will Baptist Hymnal.

By regular motion, an oral report given by Elder John Craft, League Field Worker, was accepted. Sister Rudeen Kennedy was elected League Field Worker..

Ministers' reports were accepted as they appear in these minutes. Elder S. B. Culbertson was refused a card of good standing because of doctrine. A written accusation that Elder Culbertson believed in Eternal Security was presented to the association by the Ministers' Conference. Elder Culbertson was present and spoke briefly

to the association. He said, "I make no issue of the fact, I believe in Eternal Security." With this evidence at hand, the majority of the delegates voted to not give Elder Culbertson a card of good standing from South-west Virginia Association

Eleven O'Clock

Singing under the direction of Elder C. L. Kilgore and Sister Joy Rice. Prayer by Brother Wilton Dail; Messenger, Elder John Craft; Scripture reading: 143 Psalms, Verse 5. Text: "Characteristics of Old Time Christian and Church" from which Eld. Craft brought a very timely message. Fellowship service was enjoyed by all. Offering received for Children's Home \$22.75. Benediction by Elder G. T. Francis.

One O'Clock

Singing was under the direction of Elder Denver Dean. Scripture reading by Moderator. Prayer by Elder Ray Goode. Brother Wilton Dail gave a report on Home Mission. By regular motion, this report was accepted. Since Elder S. B. Culbertson did not receive a card of good standnig, Elder Denver Dean was elected to fill his unexpired term. Treasurer's report was accepted as it appears in these minutes. Clerk was given permission to put pictures in minutes. Treasurer given power to write checks to cover the expense of the Association. Seven hundred (700) minutes to be printed. Reccommendation to the Executive Board to retain all officers as they appear in these minutes accepted.

Elder C. L. Kilgore was selected to bring the message at the next Association. In his absence, Elder Eddie Sturgill would bring the message. By regular motion, the treasurer was to receive \$10.00 for his expense. Offering was received for the Association (\$4.75). Enough money was voted from the treasury to make the offering for the Children's Home fifty dollars (\$50.00). Delegates were elected to the state association, namely Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Easterling, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepherd, Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Elder Della Salyers, Elder John Craft and Elder Ray Goode.

Conference was adjourned until Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1967, when it will convene with

the Rock Lick Church in Lee County.

The Fellowship Service was enjoyed by all. Benediction by Elder Casper Lane.

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with Mt. Olive Church May 14, 1966, at Wise, Virginia.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference. These we pray may sit with you and aid you in your godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches -----	36
Church Membership -----	1965
Members Received -----	125
Members Deceased -----	26
Members Dismissed -----	91
Number Sunday Schools -----	36
Sunday School membership -----	2609
Number of Ordained Ministers -----	70
Number of Licentates -----	1

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor -----	\$11,978.00
Evangelistic Work -----	3,978.58
Orphanage -----	1,297.48
Superannuation -----	314.86
Home Mission -----	1,908.73
Foreign Missions -----	625.23
Literature and Publications -----	1,218.75
Minute Fund enclosed -----	196.50

Done by order of the Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with Hopkins Chapel, April 9, 1966

Moderators: Rev. Ralph Flannery

Rev. Eddie Sturgill

Clerks: L. G. Ketron, Minnie Ketron

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with Mt. Olive Church May 14, 1966, at Wise, Virginia.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference. These we pray may sit with you and aid you in your godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches 8, Church membership 374, Number of Sunday Schools 8, Sunday School membership 498,

Youth Leagues 1, League membership 49, Ordained ministers 5, Minute fund enclosed \$37.40.

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptists, while in regular session with the Rock Lick Church April 2, 1966..

Moderator Rev. Ray Davis
Clerk Mrs. Howard Salley

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Received Wise County Quarterly Conference May 15, 195	\$197.50
Received Lee County Quarterly Conference May 15, 1965	30.00
TOTAL REC'D	\$227.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Leslie Ketron Clerk, Postage and Manuscript	55.00
Virginia State Association for Minute Fund	50.00
G. T. Francis, for Moderator	10.00
Beverly's Print Shop, printing minutes	104.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$219.00
Balance in Treasury May 14, 1966	\$ 8.50

Respectfully submitted, John S. Craft, Treas.

In Memory

REV. CICERO W. NOLES

Departed this life March 21, 1966, at the age of 77 years. A member of the Indian Creek Church and a retired coal miner. His presence will be greatly missed by all.

BROTHER L. M. SALYER

Departed this life Dec. 30, 1964, after several weeks of illness. He was a faithful husband and neighbor. His delight was in helping others. He was not a member of any church but was a friend to all, and continually

helped me in my work. His faith in God and God's people sustained him through life. When he came to the parting he said, "All is well with my soul". Our 58 years here together were short, but in the great beyond it will be forever. No one knows how I miss him but my loss is Heaven's gain.

Submitted by his wife Mrs. Della Salyer.



REV. W. B. GALLOWAY

Was born May 21, 1895; departed this life Sept. 28, 1965. Services were held in the Oak Grove Church, Oct. 2, 1965, by Rev. Homer E. Willis and Rev. Sylvan Wilson. Rev. Galloway organized the Oak Grove Church August 19, 1946, and was elected Sunday School Superintendent on that date. He was elected pastor October 1953, and held both positions until death.

MRS. BESSIE LUNSFORD FRANKLIN

Died June 7, 1965. Funeral services held at Wilson's Chapel, of which she had been a member for several years. Rev. Harold Kilgore and the Rev. John Craft

conducted the funeral services. She has been greatly missed by the church, her children and many friends.



JACKSON (Jack) ARTHUR McGLOTHLIN

Deceased February 6, 1966, aged 57 years. Funeral services were conducted at South Coeburn church by Rev. Paul Harry Miller and Rev. W. E. Harrison.

Brother McGlothlin was baptized April 21, 1948, by the late Rev. J. C. Rasnick. He united with Mary's Chapel Freeewill church April 29, 1949, faithfully serving in song, word and deed. At time of passing, he was clerk and superintendent of the Sunday School. He was a member of Coeburn Masonic Lodge A F & A M No. 97, and Hugh Latham Lodge 107, I O O F, Coeburn, and United Commercial Travelers, Norton, Va..

We can sincerely say a singer, a great church worker and a public servant has just gone home.

ANNUAL MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revolivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptised	Additions to Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Addington, Hobert	97	1	1	1	0	1	1	1527	\$406.03
Addison, C. B.	69	1	0	5	0	1	3	.0	.00
Ball, S. R.	15	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	00
Baltimore, Edgar	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Berry, Burley	50	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	00
Blevins, Palmer	164	0	7	31	22	0	0	1800	648.00
Berosky, Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.00
Cowden, Jesse	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	2000	30.00
Craft, John S.	228	1	11	0	0	0	5	2500	00
Davis, E. R.	65	1	0	4	3	3	6	300	257.00
Dean, Denver	70	2	0	8	6	4	1	1000	00
Dixon, Robert	12	0	1	9	5	0	3	0	196.04
Dotsen, Carson	60	0	1	21	21	0	19	0	00
Estept, J. V.	99	2	2	5	2	5	1	4570	505.93
Francis, G. T.	81	1	1	6	0	1	4	3000	250.00
Flannery, Ralph	105	2	3	29	16	6	24	2000	750.00
Goode, Ray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Greear, J. T.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Graham, U. L.	118	1	2	18	16	13	6	2000	1,000.00
Honeycutt, Perry	35	1	0	7	0	2	1	2000	175.00
Hicks, J. L.	90	1	0	6	8	8	2	0	100.00
Hall, Milam	0	0	3	15	9	0	0	0	00
Jackson, Shelby H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00

Jessie, Vestus	94	1	1	14	31	0	4	3000	104.00
Kiser, Willard	48	1	1	14	5	0	6	0	00
Kilgore, C. L.	65	1	0	8	0	17	16	1800	160.00
Kilgore, J. Harold	106	2	44	4	0	2	12	3000	00
Kilgore, J. D.	120	1	1	5	3	4	15	0	160.00
Kilgore, Roy W.	75	2	1	4	3	0	3	0	00
Lane, Casper B.	75	1	0	10	8	4	2	0	50.00
Laney, James E.	110	1	1	31	15	22	3	6000	1,150.00
McFall, S. M.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
McFarland, Richard	0	1	2	21	15	5	3	0	00
Maness, W. E.	145	2	2	25	17	12	2	5970	75.00
Martin, L. H.	50	2	0	3	14	7	2	1000	183.50
Moore, Melvin	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	00
Mullins, Charlie	10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	00
Mullins, Hansford	50	1	1	7	4	1	2	0	00
Powers, Ben R.	104	1	1	5	5	0	93	4000	1,000.00
Powers, David	52	1	0	4	3	0	12	0	00
Powers, Oscar	48	2	0	2	0	5	3	0	00
Powers, Wade	60	1	2	14	0	0	15	1000	240.00
Rose, James	75	2	1	5	0	3	3	450	78.00
Ramney, Jim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Robbins, Ethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Robinette, C. A.	30	1	0	5	0	0	1	100	29.28
Robinette, Ray	36	0	0	6	0	2	3	350	125.00
Salver, Della	26	0	0	5	0	0	2	510	80.00
Salver, Jeff	53	2	4	7	11	3	12	500	216.48
Tate, Tyler	14	0	3	5	4	0	3	200	25.00
Sturgill, Eddie	83	1	0	17	14	5	6	4034	402.31
West, Jim	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	00
Wilson, Sylvan	23	1	0	8	4	5	12	900	400.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	Members	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Super- annuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Literature & Publication	PASTOR
Dungannon	165	\$480.00	\$370.46	\$420.07	\$29.00	\$367.56	\$282.57	\$339.85	Ralph Flanary
Beech Grove	29	102.00	45.00	35.00	5.00	.00	.00	44.41	H. V. Estep
Gillenwater	40	.00	.00	.00	9.00	.00	.00	42.89	Roy Kilgore
Beckners Chapel	34	.00	46.32	40.00	8.00	29.00	.00	44.41	Hansford Mullins
Mary's Chapel	134	675.00	35.00	256.30	17.50	.00	.00	139.38	W. E. Harrison
Tacoma	18	65.00	250.00	30.00	6.50	.00	.00	24.38	Harold Kilgore
Ramsey	124	.00	816.60	280.12	12.00	.00	10.00	26.30	James Ramey
Mt. Olive	41	230.00	30.00	40.00	7.00	4.00	.00	65.50	G. T. Francis
Wilsons Chapel	37	120.00	43.70	106.00	20.00	4.00	.00	59.20	Harold Kilgore
Mt. View	28	40.00	60.00	.00	2.00	.00	.00	15.00	C. A. Robinette
Steven's Chapel	59	118.00	42.00	36.80	12.00	80.40	.00	.62	Carson Dotson
Indian Creek	106	289.45	192.69	173.27	12.00	475.77	.00	89.79	Eddie Sturgill
Davis Chapel	24	143.83	60.20	40.00	12.00	.00	.00	54.00	Oscar Powers
Oak Grove	129	590.00	180.00	310.00	40.00	60.00	60.00	254.95	S. B. Culbertson
Hopkins Chapel	59	85.00	.00	25.00	15.00	14.00	.00	46.39	Robert Addington
Stallard Memorial	58	138.12	814.48	271.44	15.00	30.00	79.41	24.47	Garland Hammons
Bethel Chapel	28	.00	197.85	22.38	2.36	.00	.00	26.21	Casper Lane
West End	84	1550.00	100.00	238.71	9.00	72.49	.00	87.03	Ulysses Graham
Valley View	21	250.00	.00	.00	4.50	.00	.00	27.06	Perry Hunnycut
Lone Pine	52	348.64	200.00	60.00	9.00	15.00	.00	121.21	Wade Powers

Martha's Chapel	63	105.00	83.85	6.00	.00	.00	30.18	Richard McFarlin
Glamorgan	56	1250.00	160.40	90.00	.00	13.00	95.85	Ben Powers
Dry Fork	31	146.38	79.91	37.00	.00	.00	51.77	Jeff Salyer
Central	67	3555.00	120.00	365.00	.00	112.69	189.96	John Craft
Inman	52	650.34	136.35	60.00	.00	.00	36.00	Howard Ashworth
West Norton	44	266.80	207.18	77.03	.00	76.90	25.00	J. T. Greear
Esserville	68	310.00	69.39	115.95	.00	289.00	275.96	C. L. Kilgore
Bondtown	30	.00	.00	17.00	.00	4.50	39.38	C. A. Robinette
Addison Chapel	29	.00	119.05	39.25	.00	.00	10.00	C. B. Addison
Durham Chapel	34	.00	33.13	48.74	.00	16.54	48.95	Vestus Jessie
Flatwoods	60	150.00	188.82	35.00	.00	.00	41.62	James Rose
Pippin's Chapel	36	.00	.00	49.50	.00	4.00	15.25	Willard Kiser
Kelly View	49	.00	58.90	68.62	.00	.00	11.80	Theodore Holmes
Toms Creek	43	10.00	15.00	.00	.00	.00	26.00	Paul Leonard
Bull Run 1st	33	332.82	232.52	16.00	.00	53.00	40.39	Edgar Baltimore

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	Member- Ship	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Literature	Orphanage	PASTOR
Mt. Hope	70	\$900.00	\$140.00	\$18.00	\$.00	J. E. Laney
Rock Lick	43	75.00	.00	6.48	.00	J. V. Estept
Mt. Caramel	99	742.48	.00	217.64	80.00	S. B. Culbertson
Ocoonita	56	257.00	106.00	26.45	107.29	Ray Davis
Willis Chapel	48	0	.00	22.00	.00	L. H. Martin
Hoover Chapel	27	109.73	.00	24.16	.00	W. E. Maness
Calvary	14	90.93	.00	27.02	.00	David Powers
North Fork	17	122.00	.00	68.83	.00	L. H. Martin

BY - L A W S

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years, shall call the association into conference, and if a quorum is present, the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them be present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this association which shall fail to represent itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, ruling of the moderator may be overruled.

6. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not

carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

18. It shall be the duty of every minister who holds membership in this association to report in writing to every annual meeting of the association. If any minister fails to report to the association for two successive sessions, he may be dismissed from the association by two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God; in His human nature, truly man, the mediator between God and man, once crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present Saviour and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The scriptures assign to the Holy spirit all the attributes of God.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise

and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it; 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of ones self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God; 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all. The Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the **LORD'S SUPPER** are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; **FEET WASHING**, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Mat. 13:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store

as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away in eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".

